Congraing [8] in a fall and natural close,
Like musick,

*CANT.* True: therefore doth heaven divide
The state of man in divers functions,
Setting endeavour in continual motion;
To which is fixed, as an aim or butt,
Obedience [9]: for so work the honey bees;
Creatures, that, by a rule in nature, teach
The act of order [*] to a peopled kingdom.
They have a king [2], and officers of sorts [3]:

[8] Congruing—] The folio has *congreeing*. The quarto *congrueth*. Corrected by Mr. Pope. MALONE.

In the old quarto, 1608, the passage stands thus:

"For government, though high or low, being put into parts
[e] *Congrueth* with a mutuall consent like musicke."

STEEVENS.

9 Setting endeavour in continual motion;
To which is fixed, as an aim or butt
Obedience:] Neither the sense nor the construction of this passage is very obvious. The construction is * endeavour—as an aim or butt to which endeavour obedience is fixed.' The sense is, * that all endeavour is to terminate in obedience' to be subordinate to the publick good and general design of government. JOHNSON*.

* The ACT of order—] *Act* here means *edict, or statute*; as appears from the old quarto, where the words are, "Creatures that by awe *ordain* an *act* of order to a peopled kingdom."

Mr. Pope changed *act* to *art*, and was followed by all the subsequent editors. MALONE.

*---------- for so work the honey bees:----------
They have a king, &c.] Our author in this parallel had I have no doubt the following passage in Lyly's Euphues and his England, 1580, in view: *[6] In like manner Euphues is the government of a monarchie—that it is neither the wise foxe nor the malicious woolfe, should venture so farre as to learne whether the lyon sleepe or wake in his denne, whether the prince fast or feast in the court: but this should be their order—to understand there is a king, but what he doth is for the gods to examine, whose ordinance he is, not for men whose overseer he is. Then how vain is it—that the foot should neglect his office to correct the face; or that subjects should seeke

more to know what their princes doe, than what they are: wherein they shew themselves as tad as beasts, and much worse than my bees, who, in my conceit,